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SUBJECT: BOEING PAYMENTS

1. THE DEPARTMENT HAS LEARNED THAT THE BOEING COMPANY MAY SOON REVEAL INFORMATION CONCERNING CERTAIN PAYMENTS MADE BY THE COMPANY DURING THE 1971-77 PERIOD. THESE REVELATIONS WILL INCLUDE A STATEMENT THAT IT EXECUTED TWO CONSULTING AGREEMENTS IN CONNECTION WITH AIRCRAFT SALES TO VENEZUELA AND AT LEAST SIX OTHER COUNTRIES. IN SOME CASES THE TWO AGREEMENTS WERE WITH THE SAME CONSULTANT; IN OTHER CASES THE AGREEMENTS WERE WITH INDIVIDUALS OR COMPANIES BELIEVED TO HAVE SOME BUSINESS RELATIONSHIP. IN ALL CASES THE TWO AGREEMENTS WERE EXECUTED AT THE REQUEST OF THE CONSULTANTS. IN CERTAIN INSTANCES PAYMENTS DUE THE CONSULTANT UNDER AN AGREEMENT WERE MADE TO A BANK ACCOUNT LOCATED OUTSIDE THE COUNTRY IN WHICH THE CONSULTANT RESIDED. IN SEVERAL OTHER

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INSTANCES THE COMPANY ENGAGED AS COMMISSION CONSULTANTS PERSONS OR CORPORATIONS WITH WHOM THE COMPANY HAD OTHER CONTRACTURAL ARRANGEMENTS AND ALL OR A PORTION OF THE COMMISSIONS PAID WERE PAID TO BANK ACCOUNTS OF THE CONSULTANT LOCATED OUTSIDE THE COUNTRY IN WHICH THE CONSULTANT RESIDED. IN SEVERAL OTHER INSTANCES THE

LEGAL ENTITIES WITH WHICH THE COMPANY CONTRACTED FOR CONSULTING SERVICES WERE SWISS OR LIECHTENSTEIN CORPORATIONS BELIEVED TO BE OWNED BY THE PERSON OR PERSONS WITH WHOM THE COMPANY DEALT. IN A LIMITED NUMBER OF CASES, PAYMENTS WERE MADE TO BANK ACCOUNTS IDENTIFIED BY NUMBER ONLY. IN ONE INSTANCE THE COMPANY PAID A CONSULTANT BY CHECK AND ASSISTED THE CONSULTANT IN CONVERTING A PORTION OF THE PAYMENT INTO BEARER BANK INSTRUMENTS.

2. THE COMPANY IS REVEALING THIS INFORMATION SOLELY BECAUSE IT IS REQUIRED TO DO SO, AND BELIEVES THAT NONE OF THE PAYMENTS WERE ILLEGAL. THE COMPANY HAS NO ASSURANCE THAT NONE OF ITS FOREIGN CONSULTANTS HAVE DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY PAID A PORTION OF MONIES RECEIVED FROM THE COMPANY TO GOVERNMENT OR CUSTOMER OFFICIALS AND SOME COMPANY EMPLOYEES MAY SUSPECT THAT THIS HAS OCCURRED. MOST CONSULTANTS SIGNED AGREEMENTS COMMITTING THEM TO COMPLY WITH ALL APPLICABLE LAWS AND AGREEING TO HOLD THE COMPANY HARMLESS FROM ANY FAILURE TO DO SO. INQUIRIES MADE OF MANY OF THE CONSULTANTS HAVE UNIFORMLY PRODUCED DENIALS THAT ANY UNLAWFUL OR IMPROPER PAYMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE. CHRISTOPHER

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